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SUBJECT: SKAGIT VALLEY LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

1. AT OPENING OF SECOND SESSION OF B.C. LEGISLATURE JUNE 13, ENVIRONMENT MINISTER NIELSEN INTRODUCED A "SKAGIT VALLEY LANDS REPEAL ACT". NIELSEN STATED THAT THE BILL, WHICH PURPORTS TO RETRACT THE 1967 AGREEMENT BETWEEN FORMER PREMIER W.A.C.BENNETT'S GOVERNMENT AND SEATTLE CITY LIGHT, WOULD SIGNAL "AS CLEARLY AS WE POSSIBLY CAN...THAT WE'RE OPPOSED TO THE FLOODING OF THE VALLEY".

2. NIELSEN, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT, SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER THE LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE ANY EFFECT ON CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN B.C. AND SEATTLE CITY LIGHT, BUT THAT IT WOULD ASSURE THE PROVINCE COULD NEVER AGAIN SIGN A CONTRACT ALLOWING FLOODING OF THE SKAGIT VALLEY. HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW ARGUING THAT THE 1967 AGREEMENT IS INVALID BECAUSE IT GOES AGAINST A 1942 IJC DIRECTIVE.

3. COPY OF THE LEGISLATION WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS OBTAINED.  
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